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b) transmit corresponding information to said a hardware abstraction layer by application-program interface call.

11. (Original) An operating system as defined in Claim 6 wherein said hardware abstraction layer is further arranged to:

a) exchange information with a driver layer by means of program-interface calls;
and

b) cause said at least one resource to be actuated in accordance with said calls.

12. (Currently Amended) A real time power management system for a processor-driven hardware platform for supporting ~~at least one~~ a plurality of applications, said platform having at least one hardware resource wherein said processor is characterized by a plurality of power states and said at least one hardware resource is characterized by a plurality of power states, said power management system comprising, in combination:

a) an operating system for controlling said processor and said at least one hardware resource;

b) said operating system including a power manager layer arranged to receive real time input from said plurality of applications, wherein real time input includes a current status and operational requirements of each of said plurality of applications running on the hardware platform;

select a processor power state and a power state of said at least one hardware resource in response to a using said received real time input from said at least one application of said plurality of applications.

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13. (Original) An integrated power management system as defined in Claim 12

wherein:

a) said real time input is provided by means of an application-program interface call from said at least one application to said power manager layer.

14. (Currently Amended) An integrated power management system as defined in Claim 13 wherein said at least one call of said at least one application additionally includes the current status of the at least one application, the current status including at least one of:

- a) a notification that said at least one application has been initiated; and
- b) a notification that said at least one application has ended.

15. (Currently Amended) An integrated power management system as defined in Claim 13 wherein said at least one call of said at least one application additionally includes the operational requirements of the at least one application, the operational requirements including:

- a) a notification that said at least one application requires at least one hardware resource; and
- b) a notification that said at least one application no longer requires said at least one hardware resource.

16. (Currently Amended) A method for controlling power consumption in a hardware platform responsive to information from a plurality of applications at least one

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application, said platform including a processor having a plurality of power states and at least one hardware resource characterized by a plurality of power states, said method comprising the steps of:

organizing said operating system into a kernel, a driver layer, a hardware abstraction layer, and a power manager layer;

applying ~~at least one~~ real time input from said at least one application to said power manager layer, wherein real time input includes a current status and operational requirements of each of the plurality of applications running on the hardware platform;

determining a power management policy in said power manager layer using in response to said ~~at least one~~ real time input; and

communicating said power management policy from said power manager layer to said processor and said at least one hardware resource.

17. (Original) A method as defined in Claim 16 wherein the step of determining a power management policy additionally comprises the step of determining a processor power state.

18. (Original) A method as defined in Claim 16 wherein the step of determining a power management policy additionally comprises the step of determining a power state of said at least one hardware resource.

19. (Currently Amended) A method as defined in Claim 16 wherein the step of applying at least one real time input additionally includes the steps of:

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embedding an application-processor interface call into said at least one application of
said plurality of applications; and
communicating said real time input by means of said call.

20. (Original) A method as defined in Claim 16 wherein the step of communicating
said power management policy from said power manager layer to said processor and said at
least one hardware resource additionally includes the steps of:

embedding application-program interfaces into said power manager layer, said driver
layer and said hardware abstraction layer; and
communicating said power management policy by means of said calls.